



AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Population: Question on Year of Entry (P-9)

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL USES OF DATA ABOUT YEAR OF ENTRY

- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) uses these data to allocate funds to states for assistance to counties because of factors such as unusually large refugee populations and high refugee concentrations.
- The HHS also uses these data to support research on service delivery for children, minorities, and the elderly, particularly those who are chronically and severely mentally ill.
- Businesses, economists, political scientists, and other researchers use these data to analyze social and economic trends.
- State and local governments, faith-based and other non-profit organizations, and businesses use these data to plan, budget, and pay benefits.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA ABOUT YEAR OF ENTRY

- Immigration Nationality Act
- Public Health Service Act

QUESTION AS IT APPEARS IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

9 When did this person come to live in the United States? Print numbers in boxes.

Year

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HISTORY OF THE YEAR OF ENTRY QUESTION

- The question on year of entry was asked from 1890-1930 and again from 1970-1990.
- The year of entry question also was asked on the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

WHY WE ASK IT THIS WAY

The question on year of entry is needed to determine how long foreign-born people have lived in the United States.

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY?

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey that collects socioeconomic and housing information and is the planned replacement for the long form in the 2010 Census.

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to conduct the ACS in every county, American Indian and Alaska Native Area, Hawaiian Home Land, and in Puerto Rico, once it is fully implemented, pending Congressional funding. The ACS has been tested across the country since 1996.

HOW CAN I SEE THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY?

The information collected from these tests is published on the Census Bureau's Web site at:

<www.census.gov/acs/www>

and American FactFinder at

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